

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952 3

Emergency of funds of a State or of a Territory or of a District or of a State and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate suffering and damage resulting from major disasters. In addition to the funds provided for the relief of such disasters, Government agencies will be authorized to make loans to individuals, including temporary shelter, medical care, and other critical requirements of the stricken area.

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MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952

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Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 292]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the House Joint Resolution No. 292, making an emergency appropriation for disaster relief, reports the same to the House with recommendation that the resolution be passed.

The purpose of this joint resolution is to make funds available for disaster relief in the areas stricken by the present heavy floods on the tributaries of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. Testimony received by the committee indicates the present floods to be the largest in history and of particular severity in the State of Kansas with just as disastrous results forecast in other areas in the next few days. Tens of thousands of people have been driven from their homes and damages have reached astronomical proportions.

All available resources of the States, local communities, and charitable organizations are being utilized to afford relief to the stricken area but are proving to be woefully inadequate. Therefore, the committee recommends the enactment of the accompanying joint resolution making an appropriation of \$15,000,000 to meet this emergency need. The funds will be expended in accordance with Public Law 875, approved September 30, 1950, the purpose of which is to "provide an

orderly and continuing means of assistance by the Federal Government to States and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate suffering and damage resulting from major disasters."

In addition to the funds provided herein the resources of all Federal Government agencies will be marshaled to assist in providing food, clothing, temporary shelter, prevention of spread of disease, and other critical requirements of the stricken area.